WASHINGTON LETTER.

Things Very Quiet Just Now at the Nation's Capital.

Everything Awaits Dingley Tariff Bill-Interview with Congressman Knox-Secretary Long-Other New Englanders.

(Special to the CALEDONIAN.)

report a tariff oill as early as was an-These are dull days at the capital. The nounced. Little progress has been house of representatives meets only made, and according to the present rate twice a week-Wednesday and Saturday of progress. May 15 will come and go -and the sessions are short. Nothing is with the bill yet remaining in the rooms. done in the way of passing bills. Unaniat the Arlington hotel. If it is ready May mous consent must be given before any 15 mole rapid work will have to be accomplished than the knowing ones an measure can be taken up. Congressman ticlpate. Senator Aldrich, who has taken Jerry Simpson of Kansas has his fightpersonal charge of the cotton schedule. ing uniform on and obstructs all busihas it ready. He obtained for the cotness. The prairie statesman is trying to ten manufacturers all they desired in force Speaker Reed to appoint the comthe Wilson bill. The chemical schedule mittees, and the speaker evidently inis also practically complete. A survey tends to take his own time in doing so. of the bill as it came from the house has been completed, and this work satisfied Of course, the speaker is sustained by the Republican majority, and that ends the sub-committee that practically a everything except Simpson's speeches. new bill must be prepared. The cotton Simpson raises the point of no quorum at the beginning of each session, and contains several important changes the speaker unperturbably counts the There is no policy of sweeping reductions or increases. Each article has been members present and, if there are sufficient members in the chamber to conand will be considered on its merits. The stitute a quorum, Simpson is promptly alterations thus far seriously considered squelched for the time being. Next the will, if anything, reduce the duties when indefatigable Kansas man will arise to a compared with Mr. Dingley's figures. question of privilege and pitch into the The loud calls for a tax on hides, comspeaker hammer and tongs. ing from the west, and largely voiced through the Kansas City and Chicago

By the death of ex-Senator Daniel Voorhees of Indiana, one of the prominent characters of Washington has passed away. For years, Senator Voorhees was the Democratic leader in the upper house, and on many occasions his eloquence awoke the dignified senators on both sides to appreciative applause. During Mr. Cleveland's first administration, Senator Voorhees was the executive's chief lieutenant in congress, and he had many hard battles to fight, David B. Hill's famous attack on Cieveland was answered by Mr. Voorhees, and his speech on that occasion was one of the strongest heard in the senate in many years.

New England's representatives are rather quiet nowadays. They are principally engaged in calling on the president to see about appointments. The ubiquitous office bunter makes everybody miserable nowadays, from the president to the congressman's secretary. Our senators pursue the even tenor of their way, while walting for the finance committee to complete its work on the taciff bill. Occasionally they are stirred up by Mr. Morgan of Mr. Hoar usually replies to Mr. Morgan's violent passages, and the incident closes for the time being.

Nothing startling is on tapis in any of the departments. Secretary of the Navy Long has settled down to hard work and is now engaged in perfecting a system of civil service for his depart-

Secretary Long has sent to the commandants of every navy vard and station in the United States a copy of the order he made March 26, relative to marking efficiency, office habits, etc., of employes. In the opinion of the secretary, a true civil service must permit of removals in order to ensure good work. Therefore, under this circular, in the rating will be dropped from the public service. As soon as Assistant Secretary Roosevelt is settled in his new office, he will, by direction of Secretary Long, make a thorough examination of every navy yard and station in the United States, devoting his attention particularly to the condition of the employes, their efficiency, and framing regulations for the correction of any abuse that may be brought to his attention.

A committee from the New England Manufacturers association is here to add to the protests against a duty on hides. The Dingley bill takes hides from the free list and makes them dutiable, which will, of course, increase the first cost of shoes and other products of leather. It is asserted, however, that the duty is sure to remain in the schedules as it now appears in the house bill.

President and Mrs. McKinley returned from their trip down the Potomac very much improved in health. For a few days the executive was beyond the cry of the hungry office seeker and it must have been a great relief to him. A new rule regarding visitors went into effect at the White House immediately after the president's return. Hereafter visitors on personal business will not be received by the president after 1 p. m. as he intends to devote afternoons entirely to public business.

The Democratic slogan for the campaign of 1900 was sounded the other day. The members of the executive committee of the League of Democratic clubs met here and issued an address to the American people. To say that the Dingley bill is denounced but temperately expresses the arraignment of that measure. It is declared "a monstrous bill which burdens the consumer with increased taxes and benefits only trusts and monopolies which now control the party in control of the national government."

Occasionally the Cretan question turns up here, but not officially. The Turkish legation receives dispatches regarding the situation, but they contain nothing of any moment. While the Cuban question gets considerable attention from newspaper correspondents, not much is heard on the subject outside of the senate chamber. The interminable and exasperating Rehring sea question is again to the fore, as a result of the appointment of ex-secretary of state. John Foster, and ex-Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Hamlin as special commissioners to negotiate a settlement with the government of Great Britain, Ex-Secretary Olney and Premier Salisbury evidently lost their patience over this controversy, judging from the correspondence which has just been made public. While the diplomats are negotiating the seals are being killed by poach ers, and in all probability the question will soon settle itself-by the seals being exterminated.

Another Massachusetts man has been selected by the president for an import ant mission. Mr. Charles J. Paine of Boston is one of the commissioners appointed by the president to the international bimetallic conference. Mr. Paine

is known at the capital as one of the leading business men of New England. He is a sound money man. Mr. Paine's conferees are Senator Wolcott of Colorado and ex-Vice President Adlai E. Stevenson. Senator Wolcott is a bi- entirely from memory. Mr. Howard's metallist, and Mr. Stevenson agrees with him, although during the last campaign he supported Bryan and the Chicago platform.

packers, have attracted the committee's

close attention, for a bill must be framed

which, above all things else, will secure

will appear in force the day before the

sugar schedule is reached. This sched-

ule will probably be taken up on the

last day of the sub-committee's labors

In fact, it is the intention of the com-

mittee to postpone the final considera-

Congressman William S. Knox repre-

sents one of the largest manufacturing

districts in the United States. It con-

usually been a Democratic district, but

Mr. Knox believes that a protective tariff

is so advantageous to its industries that

in the future workingmen and their em-

ployers alike will be consistent in their

Republican support. When asked how

the Dingley bill would affect the inter-

ests of his district, Mr. Knox replied:

"There are two sides to the tariff ques-

tion as it effects our district. We are

entirely satisfied with the rates on our

finished products, but in some instances,

at least, we wish the duties on the raw

material we use might be more favor-

"Of course," continued Mr. Knox, "out

woolen manufacturers would like free

wool, as they have had in the Wilson bill.

This they do not expect, however, and

particular kinds of wool which contain

the least waste. They want the most

'Americans,' and our people suffer by

reason of this fictitious price, while

British manufacturers are correspond-

ingly benefitted by the lower rates on

pete. In fact, if the ad valorem rates of

the Wilson schedule had been collected

without undervaluation, our people

store prosperity to them, we shall have

to give up the ship. In the case of the

two other raw materials used exten-

sively in our district, cotton and hides,

we hope the bill will continue them on

these articles is not so logical as upon

wool and flax. It would be an especially

grave mistake to cripple the export trade

in our great leather industries, trunks,

shoes, for the sake of affording a little

protection upon the by-product of the

cattle raisers. I cannot believe that the

senate will add such a duty. Our only

battle now is to keep down these raw ma-

terial duties to a reasonable point. We

shall have no trouble about the finished

products. Duties there are entirely satis-

armor making plants of the Bethlehem

own workmen to make the armor for the

Alabama, Illinois and Wisconsin bat-

court of claims, the judgment to be re-

ent domain is not conditioned upon the

payment of compensation in advance,

to the companies.

boon of free wool.

ing being a good selection: One of the finest of reciters and impersonators on the platform .- [Springfield It is accepted as a settled fact that Daily Republican, Feb. 11, 1896. the senatorial sub-committee will not

advertising sheet contains some very

complimentary press notices, the follow-

Mr. Howard's interpretation of Romeo and Juliet was very satisfactory, the attention of the large audience being closely held to the end of the recital .- [Boston Daily Globe, March 5, 1895.

Y. M. C. A. Notes .- Rev. D. E. Land, the singing evangelist, will address the men's meeting in association hall next contains 38,000 square feet of land. A Sunday atternoon at 4 o'clock. Subject. chapter of the society of the Daughters "Is the young man worth saving?" men are cordially invited to attend

The Woman's Auxiliary held their monthly meeting last Tuesday afternoon. schedule, as Mr. Aldrich has altered it. The association reading room has just | tees may be chosen from members of the been turnished with a set of handsome different patriotic societies. and substantial chairs, the girt of the

Classes in the gymnasium under Director Swan will continue until May 1. the weather permits.

School Attendance.-The winter term is the one which usually makes the poorest showing so far as regularity and a majority in the senate. The sugar men are not in evidence at present. They past four years may prove interesting. They include all the schools in the town. 1894 1895 1896 1897 Winter terms Ave, daily attendance 635 659 667 725
Per cent of 88.1 87.7 90.6 92.
Cases of tardiness 1193 769 697 704
Neither absent nor tion of wool, coal, lead and lumber until after less important articles have been

It should be noted that prior to 1897 there were ten grades in the schools, and that the attendance is now greater with tains the cities of Lowell, Lawrence and | nine than it formerly was with ten. The Woburn, Mass., and 10 towns. This has same force of teachers is now teaching 90 more pupils per day than it did four years

The spring term for the village schools opened Monday with an attendance in The directors have employed assistants appear. in the fifth and eighth grades where the schools have numbered over fifty, and now that Maple street school has fiftyfive, it is probable that similar action will

About twenty five little children will enter school for the first time this week.

would be entirely satisfied with the The directors have lengthened the afterstraight duty of 8 cents a pound. But 1 noon session a half hour and all schools regard the attempt to get any lower in town now close at four. All children general rates on wool as hopeless. We shall probably have to be satisfied with | will be given an indoor intermission from the rates in the house bill. It would be study, and the youngest will come to clothes than a pound and a half or two an advantage to us if we could have an school in relays as heretofore,

ad valorem duty, instead of a specific on The gains in regularity of attendance | bodied; it is boiled only 4 to 5 days. wool. The way a specific duty hurts us more than its direct burden is this; Im. are encouraging, but the sentiment any person who falls below 70 per cent porters, where there is a certain fixed among parents and pupils respecting to 8 days. rate per pound, try to get hold of the tardiness is not as high as it is in other places similarly situated. There is about wool possible for a pound's duty. This one case of tardiness per pupil each term, gallon maple syrup and cleven pound. puts a premium on certain grades of and there should be not more than one wool, known in the British market as case per pupil each year. This will cover all the necessary cases and a good many more. The co-operation of parents is es | like Harmless than in a pound of strong pecially invited in making a retorm in grades of wool for which we do not com- this direction.

> W. P. KELLY. Superintendent Schools,

would have been entirely satisfied with it, and would have risked competition of The Fairbanks House Saved.-In a the world, since it gave them the great recent issue of the Boston Evening Transcript an urgent appeal was made to the "We are rather sorry to have a duty on flax. It was free under the Wilson public in general, but more particularly bill, paid three-fourths of a cent duty to the members of the various patriotic under the McKinley bill, and is now societies of Massachusetts for funds with raised to I cent. We have in our district which to preserve from destruction the one of the first factories in this country for spinning the yarn from flax. These duties on raw materials simply show revolutionary days, the old Fairbanks materials used in the manufacture have the general drift of tariff legislation. house in Dedham, Mass. It is now the farmers are demanding recognition. announced that through the patriotism They feel that they have not been treated right in the past, and I believe the ways and generosity of two ladies, members of and means committee have been obliged the Society of the Daughters of the Revoto compromise on these things. New lution have in response to the appeal in England manufacturers must make up the Transcript brought not only the their minds to submit to these raw maoffer from Mrs. J. Amory Codman and terial duties, and to look for their satisfaction in the compensatory rates on the her daughter, Miss Martha C. Codman, fluished products. This bill certainly of the entire amount of the purchase gives our factories the home market. money, \$4500, but also checks to the which is the best market in the world. It is a political necessity to do someamount of nearly \$1000 more. thing for the farmers. Unless we can re-

The preservation of the "old Fairbanks House" is now assured, a fact of interest to many about here inasmuch as the old house is the ancestral abode of Jonathan high rank in Greece. In the middle ages Fairbanks, the founder of the Fairbanks the free list. The demand for a duty on family in America.

The old Fairbanks house in Dedham is of historic interest as being one of the oldest houses in America. Built in 1636 harnesses, belting, besides boots and by Jonathau Fairbanks, 96 years before Washington was born and but 16 years after the landing of the Pilgrims of Ply- | for many centuries were the only people mouth, its quaint gables and its picturesque architecture, as well as the magnificent arms surrounding it, mark it as one of the most delightful of the old land marks of New England. Thus it stands today in a state of good preservation, Mr. Chandler has Introduced in the with its ancient furniture intact, having senate bills directing the secretary of the withstood the vicissitudes of war and navy to take immediate possession of the the ravages of time for more than 261 and Carnegie companies and to hold the years. During this whole period it has same so long as may be necessary to en- always been owned and occupied by the able the navy department with their same family. It has a most interesting history. The frame was brought from tleships, and then to return the plants Yorkshire, England, in 1633, at which time Jonathan Fairbanks, with his wife | The princes of the blood each have, as Compensation is to be made to the and six children, came to America. There ompanies for the use of the plants by being no roads at that time, there is little doubt that they sailed up the beauported to congress and paid by appro- tiful Charles river, and, attracted by priations. The right of congress to take the resemblance of the country to the private property under the law of emin- English parks, chose the site of the house on which to build their home in the New

Shakespeare Recital .- John F. How- the property of their descendants, one of ard of Boston will give a Shakespeare whom Ebenezer, Jr., was a member of recital in Music Hall next week Friday | the Minute Men of 1776, and a man of and Saturday evenings. The reading is considerable note. The house was left to his children, and descended finally to Miss Rebecca Fairbanks, who was obliged to sell it two years ago to John

Crowley, a real estate dealer in Dedham. This picturesque old house is too well known to need further description. Its sloping root reaching nearly to the ground, the low doorways, and the whole effect of the house set among the trees, is exceedingly picturesque. During the summer throngs of visitors from Maine to California visit this famoudwelling. The adjoining property has been laid out into "Fairbanks Park," and as it stands on a valuable corner lot All of the Revolution, which is incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth o Massachusetts, will be responsible for the care of the house, or a board of trus-

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Egyptian and Ninevite sculptures of the earliest dates have many representations of the umbrella, but it is invariably in connection with royalty. It was always held over the head of a monarch when he rode in his chariot and at his great open air feasts. In some of the Hindoo sculptures Vishnu is represented carrying an umbrella when going on a

visit to the infernal regions. We find frequent references to the umbrella in the Greek poets, for its use was quite farhionable among women of it was an emblem of rank in the church. Umbrellas were carried over cardinals and bishops in solemn processions, and all of the large cathedrals owned one or more umbrellas that were kept for use

on such occasions. The Chinese adopted the umbrella at a very early period in their history, and that did not confine its use to the king and princes of the blood. However, they permitted only men of wealth and high position to carry them. The common people protected themselves from the elements by making their hats broad

and umbrella shaped. From the time that they established their empire the Japanese have made much use of the umbrella. It is also used throughout India, but it is a mark of rank in Burma and Siam. One of the titles of the king of Burma is Lord of the Twenty-four Umbrellas. He uses white silk umbrellas, and no other person is permitted to use a white one. a mark of distinction, two gilt umbrellas, with handles 10 or 15 feet in length. The other officers of the state

have but one. From early drawings it seems probable that the umbrella was introduced into Europe in the fourteenth century, but it did not come into general use un-ATHERTON. World. The homestead has always been til about 1700.—Philadelphia Press.

DRIFTING ONWARD.

Drifting onward-ever drifting, Tow'rd you shining, shoreless sea Farther still from earth's green landscapes, Nearer to eternity. Onward-yet we know not whither

We are borne by time's swift tide, Heeding not the dang'rous river Down whose darkling stream we glide.

Drifting onward-we are going To a country all unknown: Guard, O Lord, and keep thou, ever-Leave us not to drift a Shield us from the water's perils, Save from dark and angry storm; Let thine arm of might defend us Evermore from every harm.

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—Francis A. Simkins.

Drifting onward-we will anchor

HOMESICK HIPPOPOTAMUS.

It Longed For the Language of Its Babyhood Home.

During Bayard Taylor's visit to the zoological gardens in London he noticed a hippopotamus which lay in its tank apparently oblivious of its surroundings. Entering into conversation with the keeper one morning, he was told that the creature refused to cat and was gradually starving itself to death. "I fancy it's homesick," added the keeper. "He's a fine specimen, and it seems a pity we should lose him, but he's moped ever since the keeper who had charge of him on board the steamer left. He pays no attention to anything I say."

Learning that the creature came from a part of Africa he had once visited, Mr. Taylor, on an impulse, leaned forward and addressed it in the dialect used by the hunters and keepers of that region. The animal lifted its head, and the small eyes opened. Mr. Taylor repeated his remark, when what does Mr. Hippo do but paddle slowly over to where he stood. Crossing to the other side of the tank, the experiment was repeated with the same result, the poor thing showing unmistakable signs of joy, even consenting to receive food from the hand of his new friend.

Mr. Taylor paid several visits to the gardens, being always noticed by his African friend. Finally, before leaving the city, he taught the keeper a few sentences he had been in the habit of addressing to the hippopotamus and went his away.

Two years later he was in London, and, curious to know the result, again paid his respects to his amphibious friend. To his surprise the creature recognized his voice at once, and expressed his joy by paddling from side to side of his tank after his visitor.

Bayard Taylor says that it convinced him that even a hippopotamus may have affections, and tenacious ones at that, as well as a good memory. -Watch-

Why Europeans Are Safe Among Turks. The explanation of the safety of Europeans among these fellows, even where the police were absent, is probably to be found in the tentative character of the Turk's violations of right and of law. In doing what is wrong he always begins an abject coward, gaining courage with impunity. The mere fact that a European would walk straight through a crowd of the bludgeon men, jostling against them in an unconcerned manner, convinced them that for some reason he was not a safe man to attack. In some cases Armenians walked safely through the mobs on the street simply by pushing their way with a determined air. In every case where an Armenian ran from them, or even hesitated on meeting them, his only chance of life was gone, The tentative character of Turkish aggressions is not sufficiently borne in mind. At the beginning of a wrong even a sultan will draw back when he sees that his course is resented by one whom he knows to have the right and believes to have the force to do so. -Yvan Troshine in Scribner's

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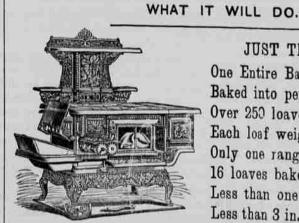
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